

Thames Amateur Radio Group

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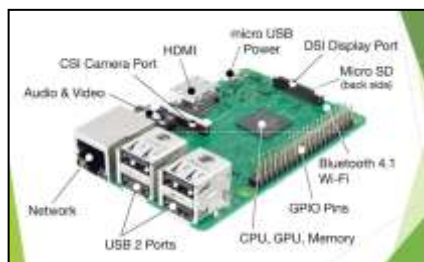


Webinars

TARG members were treated to 2 webinars in 2 weeks. These are increasingly popular with a range of engaging speakers and topics.

Fri 25th Sept our guest was Dave Cutts, M0TAZ, who explained the “why” behind the RSGB advice on “what” to do in response to people, some licensed and some not, who abuse the Amateur Radio Bands.

Fri 2nd Oct our guest was Andrew Brown, M0ONH, with a talk and live demo to encourage the use of Raspberry Pi – a cheap (£35), portable minicomputer that is used in school to teach programming. It has many practical applications for Amateur Radio. A download of the talk with all the links and diagrams is available via Andrew’s website:



<https://onewham.uk/introduction-to-using-a-raspberry-pi-for-ham-radio-use/>

Fri 6th Nov our guest will be David De La Haye, M0MBD. He is the RSGB Representative for Region 12 (that includes us!). The topic is “Beyond Exams”, a scheme to promote and measure progress in Amateur Radio skills. He will also share his insight into “The future of Amateur Radio”.

This will be an important presentation for TARG as we are keen to appoint a club member to be the *Beyond Exams* point of contact and to administer the scheme within our own club. Could this be you?

Jubilee Hall

TARG Secretary and Jubilee Trust member Mark, M0IEO attended a meeting with the owners of the TARG meeting Hall to see if there is any way that the Hall can be made COVID-19 safe. For a host of legitimate reasons the Hall must remain shut to ALL users until the regulations are relaxed.

Attention: 2E1 and 2E0

It’s been reported that the On-Line training for the Full Licence will be reopened for a course starting in Nov. This is the training method used by many TARG members. Contact the course leader: Steve Hartley, GOFUW@tiscali.co.uk If you wish to study independently, then TARG members are always willing to help on a 1-2-1 basis.

Also, you can now book your FULL LICENCE EXAM using the Remote Invigilation system. That means that you can now take your full licence in the comfort of your own home. Booking is in the usual way, pay for your exam on the RSGB website and then use the receipt number to book the exam.

Most unusual place to sit an exam so far goes to a Foundation Licence candidate who sat the exam whilst on a train going to work! Using a laptop computer and a mobile phone for the internet connection the candidate passed with flying colours!

Foundation Practicals

The RSGB have put online a number of training videos to help new licence holders with the leap from theory to practice.

<http://www.rsgb.org/foundation-practicals>

John in RadCom



TARG Vice-Chair John M0LFX has a two page article in the October edition of RadCom. This is based on a Power Supply presentation he will give when the Hall re-opens.

Shack Attack

Mark M0IEO is in the process of upgrading his shack to include:

- USB Microscope with 42 inch monitor
- Three Tier operating desk,
- Logging computer
- HF, VHF/ UHF rigs,
- Work bench with Oscilloscope,
- Temp control Solder Station,
- Meters and test equipment

The portable equipment is boxed in purpose designed containers in storage in the cupboard.

